

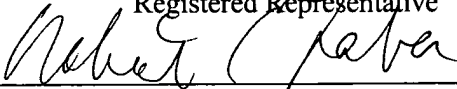
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Enclosed is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) for the corresponding International Application. In the subject application, claims 1, 2 and 18 are amended and claims 21-22 are canceled to incorporate the amendments made in the "Amended Sheets" annexed to the IPER. For this reason, claims 1-20 are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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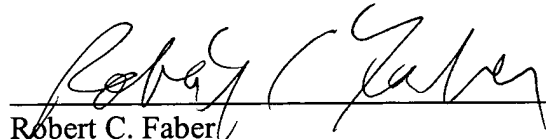
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